निरक्षरता का उन्मूलन करना । प्रारंभिक तथा गैर-औपचारिक कार्यक्रम प्रौढ़ निरक्षरता की बढ़ती हुई संख्या को रोकने में सार्थक रूप से सहायक हो सकते हैं। प्रौढ़ शिक्षा कार्यक्रम में वर्ष 1990 तक 15--35 आयु-वर्ग में 11 करोड़ निरक्षरों के दाखिले की परिकल्पना की गयी है छठी योजना अवधि के दौरान लगभग 2.3 करोड़ को दाखिल किया गया तथा शेष को सातवीं योजना अवधि के दौरान दाखिल किया जायेगा । आशा है कि जनसंख्या की वृद्धि की दर को कम करने के लिये किये गये उपायों सहित निरक्षरता के उन्मूलन के लिये प्रयासों के संयुक्त प्रभाव के साथ बीसवीं शताब्दी के अन्त तक भारत में निरक्षरों की संख्या विश्व बैंक द्वारा किये गये प्रक्षपणों की अपेक्षा कम होगी ।

Aim of the integrated yoga therapy

1729. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any time bound plan aimed at the integrated approach on yoga therapy has been evolved in treating chronic illness like asthma, hypertension, diabetes, ailments of the eye and most of other modern-day diseases and if so, the allocation made in this regard in the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) whether it envisages the setting up of any research centres in yoga therapy for the treatment of these diseases; and

(c) the assistance that Government propose to render to the private institutions already engaged in this field during the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Government has established Central Research Institute for Yoga, New Delhi, with a 50 bedded hospital for conducting research on various diseases like asthma, hypertension, gestro-intestinal disorders, arthrities, spondyliosis, etc.

(c) The Seventh Five Year Plan allocations are yet to be finalised.

Causes of the origin of the thalassaemia

1730. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any research has been made into the causes of the rare blood diseases of genetic origin, thalassaemia and specialised medical care provided for it in the Central Government hospitals in the capital;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and arrangements being made for the blood transfussions and processing the blood to get red cell packings;

(c) whether any vaccine for this disease has been discovered; and

(d) if the reply to part (c) above be in the negative, what preventive measures are being taken in this behalf?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Publication of Urdu encyclopaedia

1731. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Urdu encyclopaedia has not yet been published; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and by when it is likely to be published?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The work of editing the manuscripts of the encyclopaedia is receiving attention. A Special Cell, which was required to process its production, could not be established because of the ban on the creation of posts. Efforts are being made for